

Fishing Fleet Movements.

The British sch. Juniata with 1350 barrels of salt herring, arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon, from Bay of Islands, N. F.
 Schs. Niagara and Senator cleared from Canso, N. S., Saturday.
 Sch. Catherine Burke was at Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday.
 Sch. Senator Saulsbury cleared from Shelburne, N. S., Saturday.
 Sch. Alert, of Boston, bound home from Bay of Islands with a cargo of frozen herring, was at Halifax on Monday.

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NEW CLAM LAW.**Proposed for the Relief of the Local Conditions.****Bill Will Be Presented to Incoming Legislature.**

One of the matters that will come up again before the next legislature is the change in the law to allow the digging of clams on the Sabbath day. Already Representative Clarence J. Fogg and County Commissioner Moody Kimball of Newburyport are preparing a bill to introduce as soon after the session opens as will allow of this being done.

The falling down of a similar measure last year was a great disappointment and surprise to Mr. Fogg and those who were associated with him in the matter. It was supposed that everything had been fixed as a provision allowing this was incorporated in every version of the voluminous Sunday law bill under consideration. When, however, the house, evidently tired of the whole discussion quietly voted to refer the whole subject to the next general court the Newburyport man was caught napping in a quarter from which he had not looked for an attack. This year he proposes to go it alone and not make any conflicting alliances.

This committee started out with the idea that it would report in favor of delegating to the local authorities in the different cities and towns the authority of saying what was necessary to be done on Sunday. This did not suit Mr. Fogg however and he kept after the committee until they agreed to incorporate his provision in the bill.

This is a matter in which Gloucester, Essex and Ipswich clam diggers are very much interested.

It is suspected that Mr. Fogg would like to have the matter referred to the committee on fisheries and game rather than to the committee on legal affairs. This is impossible, however, as it is clearly a case of legality rather than the propagation of fish.

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MONSTER LOBSTER.**Sch. Mattie Brundage Brings In One Weighing 15 1-2 Pounds.**

On the sch. Mattie Brundage at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, there was shown a lobster of monstrous size and weight, which was caught by one of the older men of the crew while the vessel was fishing off Cape Porpoise. The lobster is an aged one, but active, and was able yesterday morning to defend itself with its claws although it had been out of the water for several days. It was weighed before several of the dealers in one of the stores, and pulled down the scales to 15 1-2 pounds good weight. It is about 3 1-2 feet in length from the tip of the claws to the tip of the tail, and the large claws measured about 15 inches in length and five inches across. The man who caught it sold it to an Atlantic avenue store for \$1.50.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Valkkyrie, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1400 bbls. salt herring.
 Sch. Tattler, Bay of Islands, N. F., 2200 bbls. salt herring.

Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.
 Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.
 Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.
 Market price, salt bank cod, \$4.00 per cwt. for large and \$3.00 for medium.
 Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.
 Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large. \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

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Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.
 Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
 North Bay and late Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$19 per bbl. for plain and \$20 per bbl. for rimmed.

Boston.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.
 Sch. Isabel, 70 bbls. fresh herring.
 Sloop Marion, 3000 pollock.
 Sloop Olivia Sears, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Julietta, 1000 haddock, 700 cod, 2500 hake.
 Sch. Manomet, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 14,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Mattakesett, 3500 haddock, 1500 cod, 7000 hake.
 Sch. Maud F. Silva, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 1800 cod, 500 hake, 1000 cusk.
 Steamer Elthier, 2500 cod.
 Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3600 pollock.
 Haddock, \$6.75 to \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$4 to \$6; hake, \$3.50 to \$5.50; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$3.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Alert, at Halifax on Sunday, bound home, had salt herring and not frozen as previously reported.

Herring News.

Sch. Tattler, another of the local salt herring fleet, arrived here this forenoon from Bay of Islands with a full cargo. Her fare is the largest of the season, 2200 barrels.

Dec. 20. MORE SALT HERRING.**Sch. Bohemia Brings Also Part Fare of Salt Cod.****Other Cargoes of Salt and Frozen Herring Daily Expected.**

Sch. Bohemia arrived this morning from the Newfoundland coast and Bay of Islands, with a combination fare, having 130,000 pounds of salt cod and 700 barrels of salt herring.

Sch. Bohemia sailed from here August 29, and after securing the codfish, went to Bay Islands and finished up her trip on salt herring.

Sch. S. P. Willard also arrived this morning from Bay of Islands with a full cargo of salt herring.

The arrival of sch. Orinoco with frozen herring and schs. W.E. Morrissey, Avalon and Dauntless, with salt herring, is daily expected.

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FARES WERE GROUNDLESS.**Sch. Margaret Dillon Shows Up with a Big Fare.**

The fact that sch. Margaret Dillon of the market fleet was off here during the gale of last Saturday night and up to yesterday morning had not been reported as making port caused some uneasiness for her safety in some quarters.

The most of the skippers and well posted ones, however, figured it out that Capt. Tobin had "given it to 'er" for down east after one of those big trips that some of the boats had been striking down that way and that he would show up the last of the week all right.

The wisdom of their belief was shown yesterday afternoon when the Dillon shot up to T wharf, Boston, with a big fare, 25,000 pounds, from the Maine coast grounds.

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Sch. Bohemia, Newfoundland Coast and Bay of Islands, 130,000 lbs. salt cod, 700 bbls. salt herring.
 Sch. S. P. Willard, Bay of Islands, 1400 bbls. salt herring.
 Sch. Ette M. Prior, Le Have Bank, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Georgianna, shore.
 Sch. Juniata, shore.
 Sch. Julietta, shore.

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Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, 2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., 1.50.

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Market price, salt bank cod, \$4.00 per cwt. for large and \$3.00 for medium.

Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large. \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

North Bay and late Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$19 per bbl. for plain and \$20 per bbl. for rimmed.

Boston.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.
 Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 6000 hake.
 Sch. Edith V. Silveria, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, 3000 haddock, 800 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Angie B. Watson, 6500 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake.
 Sch. Rebecca, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3500 hake.
 Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 6000 hake, 5000 cusk.
 Sch. Florida, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Sch. Esther Gray, 10,000 cod.
 Sch. Flavilla, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Buema, 3500 haddock, 1500 cod, 5000 hake.
 Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.
 Sch. Sabine, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod.
 Sch. Teresa and Alice, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.
 Sch. Lillian, 7000 cod.
 Sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 200 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Margaret Dillon, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod, 15,000 hake.
 Sch. Pontiac, 9000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 hake.
 Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; markets, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$2; hake, \$2 to \$5.

Dec. 21

STILL NO FROST.**Situation at Bay of Islands Is Now Really Serious.****Owners and Skippers Are Beginning To Get Anxious.**

Up to last night there was no frost at Bay of Islands, N. F., telegrams from there yesterday reading, "Weather still mild. No signs of frost."

The continued absence of frost at this favorite herring loading place is beginning to have its effect on the skippers of the fleet there, as well as the owners at home here.

Every day now without frost means much to those interested in the frozen herring fishery for the time is growing shorter that the vessels can stay there.

Then herring have not been as plentiful as former years, no large body striking in the Arms and staying there. There is now cause for worry that even when the frost does strike, the herring may not be very plenty.

Of course one day is sufficient to change the whole situation there. Frost may strike in quickly and when it does there will be a big hustle by the fleet to secure fish and get them on the scaffolds.

Always a lottery, the frozen herring business this season bids fair to be as big if not a bigger gamble as ever. News of frost striking in is certainly most anxiously awaited.

Dec. 21

NO TROUBLE OVER FISHERIES.

St. Johns, Dec. 21.—Inspector O'Reilly of the cruiser Fiona, engaged in patrolling the Bay of Islands herring fishery, reports that operations are proceeding favorably and that amicable relations exist between the American and colonial fishermen. Including the New England vessels, there are 60 schooners at Bay of Islands.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Paragon, Quero Bank, 10,000 lbs. halibut, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish, 7000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Georgie Campbell, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1400 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Dauntless, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1250 bbls salt herring.
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1580 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. Flavilla, shore.
Sch. Maromet, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Georgiana, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

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Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do., \$1.50
Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.
Salt bank dory headline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.
Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
Salt herring, in bulk, \$3.50 per bbl.
Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$3.25 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Mattakesett, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Rose Standish, 1000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 2000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 4000 hake, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 300 haddock, 300 cod, 1200 pollock.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 7000 cod.
Sch. Sarah, 3000 cod.
Sch. Hobo, 4500 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 4000 cod.
Sloop Diana, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Georgianna, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 5000 cod.
Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 14,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Regina, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 16,000 hake.
Sch. Frances Whalen, 16,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 19,000 hake.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 40,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. M. Madeliene, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Tecumseh, 5000 cod.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 14,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Raymah, 27,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 2000 hake, 15,000 cusk.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3500 haddock, 1300 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. George H. Lube, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 18,000 hake.
Sch. Priscilla, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Orinoco, 1000 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Galatea, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Mettacomet, 10,500 cod, 4500 hake.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Minerva, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Laura Enos, 400 cod, 300 pollock.
Sch. Motor, 2500 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Tartar, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Haddock, \$3 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.50 to \$2.80; hake, \$2 to \$4.

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Porto Rico Fish Market.

S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico, write: "Supplies in general are very moderate, yet prices remain stationary and transactions are limited to the most immediate needs, due to the causes mentioned in our last market letter. Of the cargo of codfish ex sch. Nicola landed at Arecibo, a part was re-shipped and consigned to Mayaguez, while the balance was distributed in many of our neighboring tributary markets, which also contributed to prevent an advance in our own market.
We can therefore report no variation in our local values, which remain about as follows on usual 'net exwharf' basis: Large cod fish, \$6.25 per 100 lbs; medium codfish, \$5.75 do. do.; pollock and haddock, \$4 do. do.; hake (nominal), \$3 do. do.; split herring, \$4.25 per bbl.; smoked herring, 11c. per (lengthwise, strictly superior.)"

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Western Halibut Notes.

The gasoline sch. Admiral Dewey has gone to Petersburg, Alaska, halibut fishing. John Emmo, Elias Boe, John Boe and Paul Widding, of Puget Sound, are owners of the boat.
The International Fisheries Co., steamer has sailed for Tee Harbor, Alaska, for halibut, which will be shipped to Tacoma, Wash., by regular liners.

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Boston.

Sch. Nokomis, 4000 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 3500 cod.
Sch. Florida, 7000 cod.
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 25,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Viking, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 9000 cusk.
Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 14,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 14,000 hake.
Sch. Albert Geiger, 1000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Yankee, 9000 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 4500 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Beulah Maud, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Moaniam, 1200 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. John M. Keen, 1000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.50; pollock, \$3.

Dec. 26.

FOR CONFEDERATION.

Laurier and Bond to Confer on Matter in January.

Claimed That Latter Might Enter the Former's Cabinet.

The Sydney, C. B., Record publishes under the date line of a St. John's, N. F., dispatch, the following important item of news which will be of interest here:

"The Evening Chronicle, the new paper recently started by Mr. T. P. McGrath, and which is supposed to be friendly to Sir Edward Morris, who has ambitions in the direction of the leadership of a new party, has just sprung a sensation by announcing that the Premier is going to Ottawa in January ostensibly on fishing matters but in reality to talk confederation.

"The Chronicle says it is widely believed that some understanding was reached between Premiers Laurier and Bond when in London last summer, with reference to the absorbing of this colony into the Canadian union.

"Friends of Sir Robert Bond," says the Chronicle editorially, will of course argue that he is an avowed anti-confederate. But they forget that he was some years ago the most out-spoken opponent of the Bait Act and did every thing possible to prevent its enactment, while now he is loudest in proclaiming it the sheet-anchor of our fishery supremacy and urging its enforcement in the best interests of the colony.

"In the same way it will be recalled that a few years later he enforced our fishery laws most stringently against the Canadians and brought about a state of bitter hostility between the two colonies, until the supreme court proclaimed our governments' conduct illegal and ordered a refund of licenses improperly levied on Canadian fishing vessels.

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"Under these circumstances Sir Robert Bond's friendliness to Canada may be fairly construed into a disposition on his part to bring about confederation if he sees a good chance to do so. In bygone days he was an advocate of union, if his speeches count for anything, and as our readers are already aware, a writer in an English review recently predicted that to see him as a cabinet minister at Ottawa in the near future was by no means unlikely; and this writer enjoys Sir Robert Bond's personal friendship.

"The keen desire of the Canadians to acquire this colony is well known, and Sir Robert may aspire to high place in Canada's councils as a return for bringing this result about."

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Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$3.25 per cwt.

Herring News.

Boston.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 5000 haddock, 1800 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Dictator, 12,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 1200 cusk.
Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. James W. Parker, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Mystery, 25,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Elthier, 3500 cod.
Sch. Yakima, 25,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Mary Edith, 200 haddock, 5000 cod.
Haddock, \$3 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$3.50; pollock, \$3.

Dec. 27.

FOUR CARGOES ON WAY.

Says a Despatch Regarding the Bay of Islands Fleet.

Schs. Arethusa, Renown, Mary W. S. and Glenwood the Crafts

A telegram received yesterday from Bay of Islands, N. F., says, "A little frost today. Sch. Arethusa and Br. schs. Glenwood, Mary W. S. and Renown have sailed with full loads of frozen and salt herring."

Sch. Renown is under charter to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. and will come here. She has frozen herring.

Sch. Arethusa is owned by Cunningham & Thompson and will also come here. She has part each of salt and frozen herring.

Sch. Glenwood is chartered by L. McLean of Wood Island, Bay of Islands, N. F., and had part each of salt and frozen herring and will probably go to Halifax.

Sch. Mary W. S., has frozen herring and is supposed to be for the freezer at Halifax.

The Br. sch. Defender arrived at Boston yesterday from Bay of Islands, with a cargo of salt herring.